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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT: CRASH OF FALCON FANPEL N-888-AR

REF: STATE 196855

1. EMBASSY HAS DISPATCHED CABLES OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO NOK OF AMERICANS BAAN AND BARNES, WILL OBTAIN ADDRESS OF GREIVER'S NOK FROM CHANDLER AT ACAPULCO. EMBASSY ALREADY IN COMMUNICATION WITH CHANDLER.

2. CONFUSION OVER NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD, ACCORDING TO CHANDLER, STEMMED FROM CHANGE IN FLIGHT PLAN FILED BY RADIO OR TELEPHONE IN BAAN'S BEHALF BY HANSA DISPATCHER M. L. FUNK. FUNK TOLD HOUSTON THAT AIRCRAFT CARRIED TWO CREWMEMBERS AND A (EMPHASIS) PASSENGER. HOUSTON RECEIVED THIS AS TWO CREWMEMBERS AND EIGHT PASSENGERS, WITH FUNK AS PILOT.

3. DURING EVENING OF AUGUST 7 AND MORNING OF AUGUST 8, CONOFF SPOKE WITH GENERAL JORGE GRAJALES VELASQUEZ, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, THE AGENTE DEL MINISTERIO PUBLICO, A REPRESENTATIVE OF FUNERARIA GOMEZ AND BY TELEPHONE WITH MR. EDWARD CHANDLER. IT APPEARS THAT THE CRASH TOOK PLACE ABOUT 0320 HOURS ON AUGUST 7, WHEN THE PLANE FLEW INTO THE SIDE OF A MOUNTAIN CALLED CERRO DEL BURRO, ABOUT 20
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KILOMETERS SW OF CHILPANCINGO. WRECKAGE WAS SCATTERED

OVER A RADIUS OF A QUARTER KILOMETER, BUT SEARCHERS
WERE ABLE TO RECOVER PARTS OF THREE DIFFERENT BODIES.
THAT OF THE ARGENTINE PASSENGER WAS IDENTIFIED BY
RELATIVES OF HIS RESIDENT IN MEXICO.

4. EMBASSY IS ASSISTING MR. CHANDLER IN DEALINGS
WITH AGENTE DEL MINISTERIO PUBLICO AT CHILPANCINGO
IN MATTER OF IDENTIFYING AMERICANS' REMAINS, AND
IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR RETURN TO THE UNITED
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